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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leon DE BEER

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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ROUTING COMMUNICATIONS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability of January 30, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed January 30, 2009, paragraph 2, the examiner states in part that:

“The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 1, 48, 85 and 87, the prior references in record, in view of Applicant Remarks/in the amendment filed 02-25-08 and other claim combination, fail to teach storing a mobile network service provider and a land line network service provider identifying preferred route codes in the look-up table of the mobile telephone to route a call as well as transmitting the selected preferred route code via a communication channel of the mobile network service provider and the land line network service provider to establish communication for the call. There is no suggestion in any of the references to combine with any other references to teach the combination of limitations as claimed.

Since claims 3-9, 11-47, 50, 53-77, 79-82 and 90 are dependent claims, these claims are also allowed.”
(emphasis added).

While applicant agrees with some of the examiner's reasons for allowance with respect to independent Claim 48 and Claims 50, 51, 53-77, 79-82 and 90 that depend thereon, it is submitted that independent Claim 1 and Claims 3-9 and 11-47 that depend thereon recite a method and are not limited to the same limitations as recited in independent Claim 48 and the claims that depend thereon as may be implied and/or inferred by the examiner's statement. Moreover, independent Claim 85 recites a storage medium storing computer program instructions to perform a method of operating a mobile telephone while independent Claim 87 recites a communications signal comprising processor implementable instructions for carrying out a method of operating a mobile telephone.

Accordingly, Applicant disagrees with the Reasons for Allowance stated with respect to method Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-47 which are patentable by virtue of the limitations recited therein and also disagrees with the reasons stated with respect to independent Claims 85 and 87 which are patentable by virtue of the limitations recited therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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